THE LITTLE PILGRIM

"We will go up by the King's highway."

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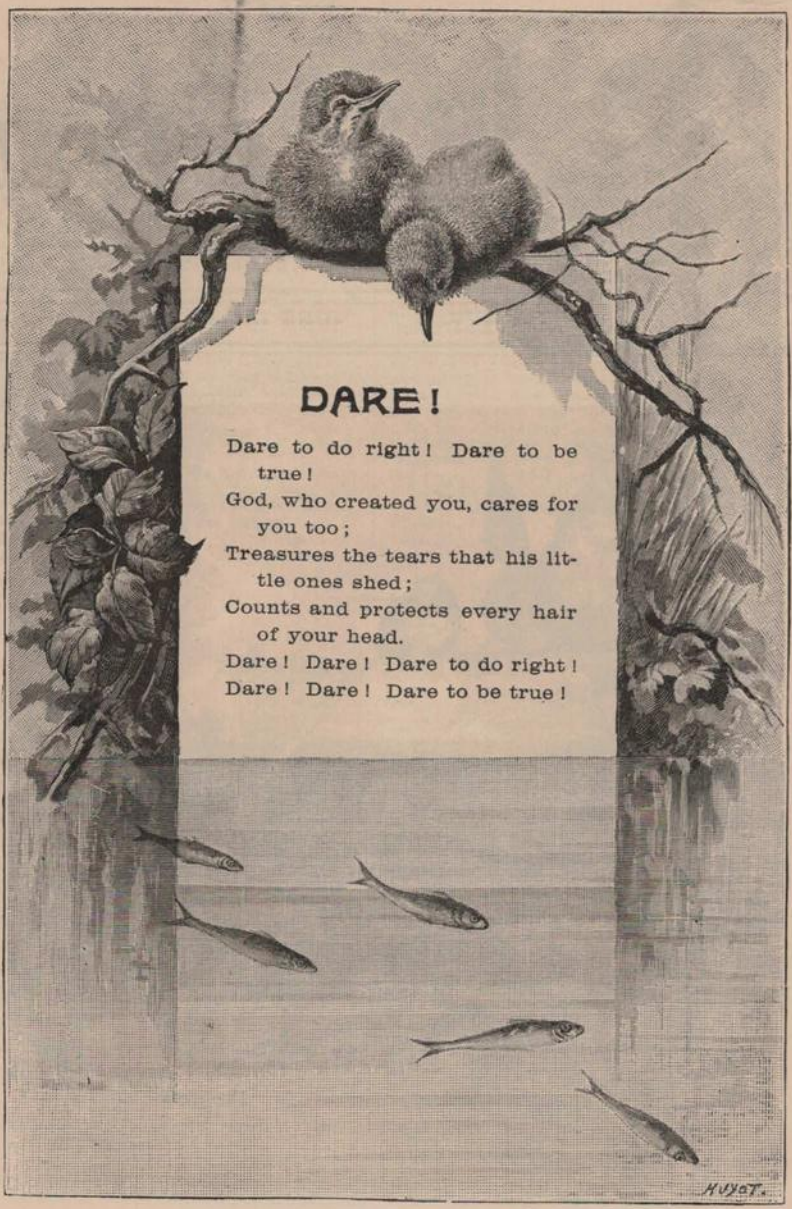
DARE!
Dare to do right! Dare to be true!
God, who created you, cares for you too;
Treasures the tears that his little ones shed;
Counts and protects every hair of your head.
Dare! Dare! Dare to do right!
Dare! Dare! Dare to be true!

LESSON STORY.

All good men love to pray. They cannot be good men without it. Daniel prayed three times a day. The king did not care, but some of Daniel's enemies hated him so that they tried to get him into trouble. They got the king to make a law that any one who should pray to God or man, except the king, for a month, should be cast into a den of lions. Then they watched and found Daniel praying. He did not try to hide it. He was not ashamed or afraid to be seen praying.

The king was very sorry, but he had to do as he had said, and Daniel was put in the lions' den. The king could n't sleep that night. In the morning, very early, he went to see what had become of Daniel. "Could your God save you?" he called out. "Yes," said Daniel. "God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths, and I am all safe."

Then the king was glad and had Daniel taken up out of the den. But those men who had planned to kill Daniel, they were put in there themselves, and the lions ate them.

THE TIME TO PRAY.

Go when the morning shineth; go when the noon is bright;
Go when the eve declineth; go in the hush of night."

GOLDEN TEXT.—No manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.—Daniel 6: 23.

BIBLE LESSON.

The Den of Lions.

16. Then the king commanded, and they brought Dan'i-el, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Dan'i-el, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Dan'i-el.

18. ¶ Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

19. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Dan'i-el: *and* the king spake and said to Dan'i-el, O Dan'i-el, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21. Then said Dan'i-el unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23. Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Dan'i-el up out of the den. So Dan'i-el was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

24. ¶ And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Dan'i-el, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25. ¶ Then king Da-ri'us wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Dan'i-el: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.

27. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Dan'i-el from the power of the lions.

28. So this Dan'i-el prospered in the reign of Da-ri'us, and in the reign of Cy'rus the Persian.—DANIEL 6: 16–28.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Why did some men hate Daniel? *Because he was so great in the kingdom.*

2. What law did they get the king to make? *That no man should pray to any one but the king for a whole month.*

3. What would be done to any one who broke this law? *He was to be cast into a den of lions.*

4. Who did break it? *Daniel.*

5. What did the king do? *He tried to save him, but at last he had to do as he had said.*

6. What did he do the next morning? *Went to see if Daniel were still alive.*

7. What did he find? *That God had shut the lions' mouths so that they had not hurt him.*

8. What did the king do? *Took Daniel out of the den, and threw in the men who had had him put in there.*

9. Did God save them? *No; the lions killed them before they were at the bottom of the den.*

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